

MEMO TO: James M. Byrne

FROM: John J. Piskulich

RE: 1. Contract C-815 The Cleaning and Reshaping of Storm  
Water Creeks in the Maline Creek Watershed  
2. Response to the letter from the United States  
Environmental Protection Agency regarding asbestos  
in Maline Creek.

DATE: September 23, 1992

The answers to the requests in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 in  
the above referenced letter are as follows:

Paragraph 1

- a. There was no rechannelization of Maline Creek under the  
above contract.
- b. There was no bank stabilization of Maline Creek under the  
above contract.
- c. There was no asbestos cleanup of Maline Creek under the  
above contract.

The work that was performed consisted of the cleaning and  
clearing of the channel banks and flow area of  
approximately of 2.5± miles of Maline Creek.

The reach of Maline Creek located adjacent to the former  
Certain-Teed facility and the former GAF facility was  
part of the above contract.

The work consisted of removing debris, obstructions,  
trees, compressible and non-compressible items from the  
stormwater channel.

07KF



Superfund

4.2

0460

Handling of asbestos materials on the channel bank and in the creek.

Prior to the time the vegetation and under growth were removed from the creek bank, asbestos pipe was observed to be in abundance for a distance of 300'± with a creek bank height of 18"±.

Excavation and exploration determined that the asbestos went far back into the property which had eroded due to the fact that this reach of the channel was on a curve and the turbulence of the water is greatest at this point.

Due to the volume of the material, the decision was made not to remove the asbestos pipe, but to crush the material.

Once this was done, the slope of the channel of asbestos pipe was smoothed out to conform to the surrounding area. The contractors personnel wore protective clothing that was discarded at the end of each day. The above operation took about five (5) working days which was approximately the last week of March 1982. The work was performed by the lowest bidder which consisted of seven (7) for this project; Bennish & Bommarito Const. Co., Inc.

Bennish & Bommarito Construction Company are no longer in business as partners. Supervision of the work was performed by MSD personnel; Al Falch and Dan Patterson.

The work commenced on or about July 8, 1981 and completed April 30, 1982.

Paragraph 2

Attached are all documents which were part of this project.

Paragraph 3

No tests and/or analyses were performed as part of this project.

JJP:mg